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1. All commerce in Rumania with the exception of some small barber shops, shoemakers, tailors, and confectionary stores, is in the hands of a group of state stores and companies (Societatea Comercială de Stat).
2. Farmăciile de State (State Pharmacies) is the name given to the pharmacies when they were nationalized in June 1949. The stores are indicated by number, as Farmăciile de Stat No. 23. When the nationalization took place some stores were closed completely and their stocks distributed among those that remained open. All present workers in this field are members of a trade union. Drugs are furnished to the stores by the CIF (Centrala Industrii Farmaceutice - Pharmaceutical Industrial Headquarters) in Bucharest. The CIF packs all drugs uniformly, under one name. Drug prices have increased about 300 percent since nationalization. The following items are very rare: chloroform, vitamins, penicillin, streptomycin, and thermometers. Some other drugs formerly available are no longer to be found.
3. Societate de Stat Alimentară (State Alimentary Company) is a company organized to provide the population with food. Alimentară has headquarters in Bucharest which distributes food to Alimentară depots throughout Rumania. These depots supply state stores and cooperatives run by trade unions. Sugar, rice, macaroni products, flour, edible oil, and cheese are missing for long periods of time. Raw coffee and condiments cannot be found. Long lines appear at the shops when a small quantity of a rare item is offered.
4. Magazinul de Stat Dunărea (Danube State Company) sells clothing and leather goods against ration coupons. Items are in great scarcity, and normally people have ration coupons left at the end of the year because they have not found certain items in stock in the stores throughout the entire year.
5. Magazinul de Stat (State Store followed by the name of the town such as Bucharest, Galați, Braila, et cetera) sells clothing and leather goods similar to Dunărea without ration tickets. Prices are five to ten times higher than those of Dunărea. These stores are comparatively well supplied.
6. Ferometal is the name of the Bucharest central office for a group of stores which trade under the name of Magazinul de Stat Tractorul (State Tractor Stores). This organization distributes farm implements, kitchenware, nails,

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buckets, paints, brushes, chemicals, perfumes, and bicycles (manufactured in Brasov and Medias).

7. Compescăria, formerly called Rompescăria, distributes salt and smoked and canned fish. This company does the entire work of collecting, processing, and distributing fish throughout Rumania.
8. Comcar (Societatea de Stat Pentru Comerțul Carnei - State Livestock Company) collects all livestock and distributes meat throughout Rumania. Special attention has recently been given to the raising of hogs. On the outskirts of Braila there is a farm having about 25,000 hogs. Hogs weighing over 100 kilos are bought exclusively by Comcar. Smaller ones are sometimes sold to private individuals. Thousands of hogs are exported to the Soviet Union.
9. Aprozar (Societate Comercială de Stat Pentru Aprovizionarea cu Zarzavat - State Vegetable Company) collects and distributes vegetables and fruit throughout Rumania.
10. Comlemn (Societate Comercială de Stat Pentru Comerțul Lemnului - State Lumber Company) collects and distributes firewood and lumber throughout Rumania.
11. All towns and villages have small cooperative markets which are linked with the UCCs. These local cooperatives sometimes bear the name of Cooperativa Unirea or Cooperativa 9 Mai. They distribute all kinds of goods, depending upon whether the size of the village warrants more than one store for different products.
12. Arolacta (Aprovizionare Produselor Lactate - State Milk Products) collects and distributes milk, cheese, and butter throughout Rumania. Distribution is usually made through Alimentară, but in some of the larger cities Arolacta operates stores.
13. M.A.T. is a company recently organized for the distribution of wines and spirits. The company formerly controlled the collection and distribution of alcohol in Rumania.
14. C.A.M. (Casa Autonomă a Monopolurilor Statului - State Monopolies) has the state monopoly for collection and distribution of tobacco products, matches, and salt, and operates depots in each county.
15. Competrol and Sovrompetrol distribute petroleum products throughout Rumania\*\*.
16. Bakeries are under the local supervision of the various villages. Flour is supplied by Concereal, a state enterprise. Bread is baked in the Centru de Fabricație (Baking Center) followed by numerical designation in larger towns) and is distributed by the Centru de Distribuție (Distribution Center). Bread is rationed against coupons. The bread is of a poor quality and contains a great percentage of water.
17. Apaca is a state operated clothing factory. The tendency is against the sale of yard goods and toward the sale of standardized manufactured clothing.
18. Aproarm is the state company which supplies the armed forces of Rumania.
19. Centrocom Hartie, is the state company which handles paper products of all sorts in Rumania.

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